

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Seaton, Peta Luise

(1959 - )

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**Born** 9 October, 1959, Port Moresby PNG

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**Occupation** Parliamentarian, Television producer

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### Summary

Peta Seaton has extensive experience as a political adviser and shadow minister in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly. As a Liberal Party candidate she successfully contested the Southern Highlands 1996 by-election and was re-elected in 1999 and 2003. Peta has been Shadow Minister for Environment 1999-2002; Parliamentary Secretary to Shadow Cabinet from 2002; Chair Opposition Policy and Reform Committee; and Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Illawarra, and reform of government 2004. She retired at the 2007 election.

### Details

#### Parliamentary and Local Government Career

##### State Government

Elected, New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Southern Highlands 1996 by-election, 1999, 2003 (Liberal Party)

Shadow Minister for Environment 1999-2002

Shadow Minister for Competition and Consumer Protection, Small Business, Insurance Regulation 2002

Parliamentary Secretary to Shadow Cabinet from 2002-2003

Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, and for Reform of government 2003-2004

Shadow Minister for the Illawarra 2003-

Shadow Treasurer 2005

Shadow Minister for the Reform of Government and Assistant Shadow Treasurer 2005-

Peta Seaton was educated at the Woodford School, Solomon Islands, Wenona School, North Sydney and the University of Sydney.

She ran a small television production company 1983-85 and then worked as a television producer for Clemenger, Sydney, 1985-87. She was Press Secretary for the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, Hon. Ted Pickering, 1987-88 and then worked on staff of Nicholas Greiner, when Leader of Opposition and Premier, 1988-92. In 1992, she worked for Premier John Fahey.

Peta Seaton worked in Canberra as Adviser and Programme Director for Leader of the Federal Opposition, 1992-93. She is a partner in small farm at Boorowa, New South Wales. In 1990 she married Lachlan Paterson, and they have one daughter, Unity, born in 1996. From 2003 to 2005 she was Shadow Treasurer, and from September 2005, she was Shadow Minister for the Reform of Government and Assistant Shadow Treasurer.

### Events

#### 2017 - 2017

Received for significant service to the Parliament of New South Wales, to the community of the Southern Highlands, and to higher education.

## Published resources

### **Site Exhibition**

Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches: Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/pssb/home.html>

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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